

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 1. (Original) A process for packaging cigarettes as a cigarette block,
2 possibly wrapped in inner paper, in an outer pack which is at least partially rounded and score-
3 free in the side-wall region and comprises at least one blank, two outer-pack layers which extend
4 over the entire outer periphery of the side-wall region being arranged one above the other and
5 connected to one another along a seam, and base-closure, and, if appropriate, lid-closure flaps of
6 the at least one blank being folded over and connected, wherein the two layers are connected to
7 one another, over the entirety of the surface areas located opposite one another, at least in an
8 essentially uniform connecting pattern such that stressing occurring in rounded wall regions is
9 essentially avoided.

1 2. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the blank material
2 used is a paper which, as a result of the connection, achieves a stability which is approximately
3 equivalent to that of a cardboard box.

1 3. (Currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~either of claims 1 and 2~~
2 claim 1, wherein cold glue is used in order to connect the two layers.

1 4. (Currently amended) The process as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein use
2 is made of blanks with previously applied adhesive which can be activated by heat and/or
3 pressure and/or ultrasound, this being done during the packaging operation.

1 5. (Currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim
2 1, wherein the adhesive is applied in a strip pattern.

1 6. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 5, wherein a stabilizing strip
2 pattern is applied.

1 7. (Currently amended) The process as claimed in claim 5 ~~or 6~~, wherein the
2 strip pattern at least partially comprises interrupted strips.

1 8. (Currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of claims 5 to 7~~ claim
2 5, wherein the strip pattern is applied essentially in the direction in which the rounding extends.

1 9. (Currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim
2 1, wherein, for the outer pack, use is made of a single-piece blank which is previously folded
3 onto itself, the resulting two layers being at least partially connected to one another.

1 10. (Currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim
2 1, wherein, for the outer pack, use is made of two blanks which, in the first instance, are at least
3 partially connected to one another.

1 11. (Currently amended) The process as claimed in claim 9 ~~or 10~~, wherein the
2 layers are connected to one another beforehand in a region which is not to be bent.

1 12. (Currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim
2 1, wherein, for the outer pack, use is made of a single-piece blank which, for the purpose of
3 forming the side walls, is folded onto itself and connected.

1 13. (Currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 12~~
2 claim 1, wherein the seam is formed with an at most three-layered overlap.

1 14. (Currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 13~~
2 claim 1, wherein the seam is arranged adjacent to the end of the lid articulation.

1 15. (Currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 8 and~~
2 ~~10, 11 or 13, 14~~ claim 1 wherein use is made of layers of different thicknesses.

1 16. (Currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 15~~
2 claim 1, wherein the blank material used is paper with a basis weight of approximately 120 to
3 150 g/m².

1 17. (Currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 16~~
2 claim 1, wherein an additional layer is arranged between the two layers of paper.

1 18. (Currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 17~~
2 claim 1, wherein swing-out tabs for the hinged lid are formed on the inner layer.

1 19. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 18, wherein the swing-out tabs
2 are reinforced.

1 20. (Original) A cigarette pack comprising a cigarette block, if appropriate an
2 inner paper wrapping the cigarette block, and an outer pack which is at least partially rounded in
3 the side-wall region and comprises at least one blank, two outer-pack layers which extend over
4 the entire outer periphery of the side-wall region being arranged one about the other and
5 connected to one another along a seam, and base-closure, and if appropriate, lid-closure flaps of
6 the at least one blank being folded over and connected, wherein the two layers are connected to
7 one another, over the entirety of the areas located opposite one another, at least in an essentially
8 uniform connecting pattern, essentially no stressing being present in the rounded wall regions.